

2005-2006 PCOA MAJOR & MINOR HOME REPAIR APPLICATION

The Pima Council on Aging is accepting applications for two home repair programs **depending upon the availability of future federal funds**. 1) 2005-2006 Home Repair/ Adaptation/Renovation Program, funded by the Federal Older Americans Act through the Pima Council on Aging (local match provided by the City of Tucson with General Funds. 2) 2005-2006 CDBG Elderly Home Repair Program funded by Federal Community Development Block Grant dollars. **At time of this printing, CDBG funds are in doubt.**

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM? This is **NOT** an emergency home repair program. If selected, repairs are made in the fiscal year starting July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006. The Pima Council on Aging contracts with the City of Tucson to administer these programs. These programs provide critically needed repairs and disability modifications to correct health and safety hazards for older homeowners.

Repairs worth up to \$4,000 are made for selected, qualified homeowners. In no cases may the cost exceed \$4,000. If repair costs are estimated to be more than \$4,000, the homeowner may choose to pay the difference or scale back the proposed work. All donations are cheerfully accepted.

If selected, a lien, in the amount of the repair only, is placed upon the property for two full years. If the property must transfer before two years, the repair amount only is due back to the program upon close of sale.

The home must be located within Pima County, Arizona, on non-tribal lands. The repairs correct health and safety hazards only. Cosmetic and general maintenance such as painting, plastering, yard cleaning, etc, are not covered and are referred to other volunteer programs.

City of Tucson staff make all inspections and arrangements to hire private, licensed and registered contractors who provide both the material and labor to complete the jobs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE? Taxpayer/homeowner or spouse **must be age 60 or older by June 30, 2005. Persons under age 60, even if disabled, are NOT eligible. Persons assisted by this program in the past are NOT eligible. Renters are NOT eligible.** If there are questions about ownership, equity rights under contract, life estate to the property, etc. please call PCOA at 790-7262 for clarification. Funds are extremely limited. Selection is based upon greatest economic and social need with priority given to those individuals who have nowhere else to turn for assistance and who are caregivers for others. Applications are prioritized by a Committee of the PCOA Advisory Council composed of community volunteers who do not see names or addresses of applicants.

HOW TO APPLY? Applications in English and Spanish are available from the Pima Council on Aging by mail or at the address below. Applications must be completed and returned **IN PERSON OR BY U.S. MAIL to the Pima Council on Aging BY THE DEADLINE DATE OF APRIL 30, 2005. No e-mail or fax applications are accepted. No late applications are accepted, no exceptions.**

All applicants are notified in writing by August 31, 2005 if they have or have not been selected. **Call 790-7262, ext 5081 if assistance is needed in completing the application.**

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